

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following new dependent claims 51-55.

1. (original) A method for providing a financial outlook for a medical facility, the method comprising:

providing an electronic form having fields for entering financial data of the medical facility associated with at least one of a plurality of modalities, the financial data comprising projected changes in at least a portion of the financial data over a future analysis period;

electronically receiving the financial data from the electronic form via a network;

routing the financial data into a financial analysis system;

generating a pro forma financial report for the future analysis period tailored to the financial data; and

electronically transmitting the pro forma financial report to a client via the network.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising identifying the client and tailoring the electronic form to the client.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing the client to select a desired healthcare category.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing the client to select a desired medical system from a plurality of medical systems.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a fixed cost of operating the medical facility.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a variable cost of operating the medical facility.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a projected growth of a cost of operating the medical facility.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a wage statistic for employees of the medical facility.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of an indirect labor statistic for employees of the medical facility.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a medical supply cost for the medical facility.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a medical equipment cost for the medical facility.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a tax statistic for the medical facility.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of an overhead cost for the medical facility.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a medical procedure volume per time period.

15. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a service charge per medical procedure provided by the medical facility.

16. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising allowing data entry of a financing amount, interest rate and financing period for a financed medical resource for the medical facility.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising providing a set of financial rules for analyzing the financial data with the financial analysis system.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein electronically receiving comprises electronically receiving the financial data via the Internet.

19. (original) A system for generating projected financial statistics for a medical facility, the system comprising:

a client computer system for the medical facility;

a financial analysis system remote from the medical facility;

a network for coupling the client computer system to the financial analysis system;

and

an interface accessible on the client computer system via the network, wherein the interface is configured to exchange client data with the financial analysis system, the client data comprising financial data relating to the medical facility and wherein the financial analysis system is configured to evaluate the client data and to generate a projected financial report for the medical facility tailored to the client data.

20. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a financial rule module.

21. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a tax module having rules for evaluating tax effects on the financial data.

22. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a healthcare module having rules for financially evaluating operations of a healthcare provider, such as the medical facility.

23. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

24. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a form configured for entering and transmitting the client data to the financial analysis system.

25. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a desired healthcare category.

26. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a desired medical system associated with at least one of a plurality of modalities.

27. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a medical supply cost for the medical facility.

28. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a medical equipment cost for the medical facility.

29. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a medical procedure volume per time period.

30. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a service charge per medical procedure provided by the medical facility.

31. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a selection of a medical system associated with a revenue statistic and a projected growth.

32. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for an equipment cost being financed for the medical facility.

33. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a financing amount, interest rate and financing period for a financed medical resource for the medical facility.

34. (original) A method for analyzing finances of a healthcare facility, the method comprising:

providing an interface having a form for entering client data relating to the healthcare facility, wherein the client data comprises a healthcare category and financial data including projected changes in at least a portion of the financial data;

electronically accepting the financial data from the interface at a financial analysis system via a network;

financially analyzing and projecting at least a portion of the financial data over a future outlook period via the financial analysis system; and

returning a pro forma financial report to a client via the network.

35. (original) The method of claim 34, comprising identifying the client and tailoring the form to the client.

36. (original) The method of claim 34, comprising tailoring the form to the healthcare category, wherein the healthcare category is associated with at least one of a plurality of modalities.

37. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a server for exchanging information between the financial analysis system and a client computer system for the healthcare facility.

38. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a field for entering a medical supply cost for the healthcare facility.

39. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a field for entering a medical equipment cost for the healthcare facility.

40. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a field for entering a medical procedure revenue statistic.

41. (original) The method of claim 40, comprising providing a field for entering a projected growth for the medical procedure revenue statistic.

42. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein electronically accepting comprises electronically accepting the financial data via the Internet.

43. (original) An Internet financial analysis system for financially evaluating a healthcare facility, the system comprising:
a client computer system for the healthcare facility;

a financial analysis system remote from the healthcare facility;
a network for exchanging data between the client computer system and the financial analysis system;
an Internet query form having a plurality of data entry fields configured for accepting financial data of the healthcare facility, the Internet form being accessible on the client computer system and having a healthcare procedure field for entering a revenue statistic of a healthcare procedure; and
an Internet results page for displaying a projected financial statistic from the financial analysis system.

44. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a healthcare module having rules for financially evaluating operations of a healthcare provider.

45. (original) The system of claim 43, comprising an interface for viewing the Internet query form and the Internet results page, and for communicating between the client computer system and the financial analysis system.

46. (original) The system of claim 45, comprising an identification system configured for identifying a client and tailoring the interface to the client.

47. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise a field for selecting a desired medical system for at least one of a plurality of modalities.

48. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise a field for a projected growth of a cost of operating the healthcare facility.

49. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise a field for a projected growth for the healthcare procedure.

50. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise fields for a financing amount, interest rate and financing period for a financed medical resource for the healthcare facility.

51. (new) The method of claim 1, comprising analyzing a desired purchasing option selected from a plurality of different purchasing options to obtain a medical imaging system based on the financial data of the client to provide a client-specific financial analysis of the desired purchasing option.

52. (new) The method of claim 51, comprising automatically creating a Web page, including the pro forma financial report, tailored to the client-specific financial analysis to enable the client to evaluate feasibility of the desired purchasing option for the medical facility.

53. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the medical imaging system is selected from medical resource options on the electronic form, wherein the medical resource options include a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system, a computed tomography (CT) system, an ultrasound system, or any combination thereof.

54. (new) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface having the form comprises providing purchasing option fields and medical-specific fields, including medical diagnostic system options, client-specific operational data, and the financial data.

55. (new) The method of claim 34, wherein financially analyzing and projecting comprises evaluating feasibility of a possible transaction to obtain a medical imaging device for incorporation into operations of the client at the healthcare facility.